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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices advanced on most livestock classes at midwest markets with trading fairly active and demand good. Active trading and higher prices on dressed meats contributed to the upturns. Prime slaughter steers closed 25-50¢ higher for the week at Chicago with other grades 50¢-\$1.50 up. At other midwest terminals fed steers sold steady to \$1.00 higher. Barrows and gilts sold 25-75¢ higher over most of the area. Slaughter lamb prices advanced 25¢-\$1.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - A smaller than normal increase in cattle marketings following the holidays resulted in the smallest receipts at 12 markets for the first week in any year since 1951. The moderate run of cattle last week reflected the end of selling for tax purposes in the last quarter of 1959, plus a wait-and-see attitude on the part of some producers in view of peace in the steel industry. Supplies were only slightly less than in the first full week last year, however. Prices were quick to reflect the smaller than normal supply increase following two weeks of small receipts during the holidays, particularly when dressed beef prices were substantially higher. Slaughter steers sold steady to \$1.00 higher, largely 50¢-\$1.00 higher at most markets with Choice up as much as \$1.50 in Chicago where the steer price upturn was the greatest for any week since last March. Heifers also sold steady to \$1.00 higher, mainly 50-75¢ higher, and the average selling price of heifers exceeded the steer average in Omaha for the first time since last June. Bulk of the steer and heifer supply graded Good and Choice with the percentage of high-Choice and Prime somewhat reduced in Chicago where the average weight of steers climbed to 1168#, heaviest in four months. From 7-20 percent of receipts were cows, up somewhat from the previous week. Cows trended irregularly, finishing steady to 50¢ higher at Kansas City, St. Louis National Stock Yards and Indianapolis but otherwise steady to 50¢ lower with some off as much as \$1.00 in Chicago. Bulls steady to 50¢ higher except for a \$1.00 advance in Omaha, while vealers sold steady to \$2.00 higher.

A load high-Choice and Prime 1150# slaughter steers \$28.00 in Kansas City, highest since October, while a load mostly Prime 1225# weights in Chicago at \$28.50 brought the highest price at that market in five weeks. At most markets Choice steers bulked at \$24.00-26.00 and brought \$25.75-27.25 on the high close in Chicago when numerous loads mixed Choice and Prime earned \$27.50-28.00.

Most Good steers \$21.00-24.50. Several loads high-Choice and Prime heifers \$27.00-27.25 in Kansas City and Omaha. Bulk Choice heifers \$23.50-26.00, Good largely \$21.00-24.50. Utility and Commercial cows \$14.50-17.50, Cannors and Cutters \$12.00-15.00. Prime vealers cashed at \$37.00 in So. St. Paul as well as at St. Louis National Stock Yards.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were seasonally moderate but even so were somewhat larger than either of the two previous weeks when the year end holidays influenced still further curtailment in marketings. As usually is the case at this time of year, Medium to low-Choice offerings predominated with a large percent of the steers in a 600-900# weight range. Recent upturns in slaughter cattle prices stimulated increased interest in stockers and feeders and trading generally was fairly active at prices unevenly steady to 50¢ higher. Adverse winter weather conditions tended to slow early week trading at some terminals but at all of the principal midwest centers prices were maintained on at least a steady basis while at Oklahoma City most sales were steady to weak. Apparently some cattle feeders have a more optimistic opinion of where slaughter cattle prices will be maintained in the next several months than was the case several weeks ago when a consistently bearish demand for slaughter cattle prompted heavy marketings of shortfeds accompanied by only a limited demand for replacements at the prices then prevailing. In contrast, recent strengthening prices for slaughter cattle have influenced a growing demand for fleshy 950-1000# cattle suitable for an additional short turn in the feedlot and such kinds at times shared in the full 50¢ upturn. However, since not many were of the right weight and quality to seriously interest finishers only a moderate number of partly fattened steers 950# up went back for additional feeding.

Few Choice 750-800# feeder steers brought \$25.00-25.75, majority Good and Choice 800-1000# \$21.50-24.50; limited number Good 1000-1050# \$20.50-21.00. Common and Medium feeders sold from \$16.50-20.50. Good and Choice yearling stock steers brought \$22.00-26.00, few up to \$27.00 and package Choice 516# \$28.00. Good and Choice 650-775# feeder heifers in limited supply from \$21.00-23.00. Good and Choice steer calves brought \$23.50-32.50, mostly \$26.00-30.00. Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$22.00-27.00, few \$28.00. Medium and Good stock cows were in meager supply at \$13.00-18.00, largely \$14.00-16.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings at the 12 markets for the first week of the new year showed a 24 percent increase over the previous holiday-shortened week and a 22 percent increase over the same week a year ago. Bulk of receipts were consignments of mixed U. S. No. 1-3 and No. 2-3 200-260# barrows and gilts although at many Western Corn Belt markets increased numbers over 260# were offered. Average weight of barrows and gilts also was seasonally heavier with the average weight at Omaha near 241# or about 5# heavier than the previous week. Sows made up between 6-12 percent of the receipts. Price trends followed a somewhat uneven course during the week. At most markets prices were higher early under the influence of moderate receipts and higher prices on dressed pork. Price downturns were general Thursday on increased receipts but some strength again developed on Friday. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts were mostly 25-75¢ higher, and as much as \$1.00 up at Chicago and St. Louis National Stock Yards, and steady to 25¢ higher at St. Paul. Good demand prevailed for sows all week and prices were steady to \$1.00 higher.

At the close mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts bulked at \$11.75-12.75, No. 1, and No. 1 and 2, selected lots 190-230#, many of these sorted for grade and weight uniformity, brought \$12.50-13.25. Mixed U. S. 1-3, 270-400# sows bulked at \$9.50-10.50 at most markets.

At So. St. Paul and Memphis feeder pigs sold steady throughout the week but advanced fully 50¢ at Sioux City. Good and Choice feeder pigs at So. St. Paul sold at \$10.00-10.50. Medium and Good 130-160# offerings at Sioux City sold at \$10.00-10.50, Good \$10.75. At Memphis Medium and Good 40-100# feeders sold at \$5.00-8.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3, live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 83¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago December 30, 1959 to January 6, 1960 inclusive.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - One of the largest weekly receipts in four years moved at higher prices in the Interior area as upward price trends and a good movement of dressed pork products stimulated the trade. Closing butcher prices as compared with Thursday of the previous week were mainly 25-35¢ higher; sows fully 25¢ higher. U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# butchers sold late from \$10.85-12.25, bulk \$11.25-12.00. Occasional No. 1 and 2 selected lots earned \$12.25-12.50. Mixed No. 1-3 270-400# sows cashed at \$8.75-10.25, few No. 1 and 2 sows under 300# \$10.25-10.50; U. S. 1-3 400-550# sows sold at \$7.25-9.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12 market receipts were 40 percent greater than the previous week but 17 percent less than the same period last year. Trading was fairly active with price advances recorded on all classes. Slaughter lamb prices were steady to \$1.25 higher, a large share 50¢-\$1.00 up; slaughter ewes steady to \$1.00 higher; feeder lambs steady to \$1.25 higher, mostly 50¢-\$1.25 up. Bulk Good and Choice 80-115# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$17.50-19.50, most sales \$18.00 up. Choice woolled lambs earned \$18.50-20.00, mostly \$19.00-19.50. Utility and Good woolled lambs brought \$16.50-18.00. Bulk Good and Choice 80-110# shorn with No. 1 and Fall pelts brought \$16.50-18.00. Mostly Choice shorn lambs earned \$18.00-18.50. Scattered sales of Utility and Good shorn slaughter yearlings brought \$12.00-15.00. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes sold from \$3.00-7.00. Good and Choice 70-85# feeder lambs sold from \$16.50-18.50, Choice 76# feeders earned \$19.00 at So. St. Paul and a 1,780 head string Good and Choice 86# feeders reached \$19.25 at Denver. Medium and Good feeders ranged from \$15.00-17.00.

Trading on slaughter lambs was fairly active in the Interior Iowa-So. Minnesota area with higher prices from midweek on. For the week, woolled slaughter lambs were fully 50¢ higher, shorn lambs strong to mostly 50¢ higher, and slaughter ewes steady. Late in the week, Good and Choice woolled slaughter lambs usually 90-105# sold from \$17.50-18.50 with Choice at \$18.50-19.00. Good, and mixed Good and Choice woolled lambs 105-115# brought \$16.50-18.00. Good and Choice shorn No. 1 and Fall shorn pelt lambs usually under 100# earned \$16.50-17.50 with Choice at \$17.50-18.00. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes brought \$2.00-5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers was very active with prices steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher. Sales of stocker and feeder cattle too limited to test trend; slaughter lambs 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Slaughter steers: 180 loads largely Choice 875-1150# \$26.00-27.00, 21 loads 1200-1325# \$24.50-26.00; Good and Choice 950-1200# \$25.00-26.00; Good 950-1200# \$23.00-24.75. Slaughter heifers: 2 loads Choice 800# \$26.50, delivered; 142 loads Good to mostly Choice 750-1000# \$24.50-26.00; Good 800-1000# \$23.25-24.00. Delivery on above transactions ranging from immediate to February 15th.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 300-475# steer calves \$26.00-28.00, heifers \$24.00-27.00; 150 partly finished Good and Choice 700-750# feeder steers \$26.00. In California, 9 loads mostly Choice 105-112# shorn slaughter lambs \$17.75-18.50, 2 loads Good \$17.00. In Utah, Choice woolled lambs 108# down \$17.75-18.50, load \$19.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Fed steers sold fully steady; fed heifers steady to 50¢ higher. Five loads low to average-Choice 1100-1125# fed steers \$26.50; 34 loads average-Good to average-Choice 1000-1325# \$25.00-25.50. Forty-three loads average-Choice to low-Prime 950-1100# fed heifers \$25.65-26.00; 44 loads mostly average-Choice 875-1000# \$25.60-25.75; 81 loads low to average-Choice 875-1150# \$24.90-25.50; 34 loads high-Good to low-Choice 900-1050# \$24.25-25.00.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves very good with prices \$1.00-2.00 above a month ago. Western Kansas: 15 loads Good and Choice mostly Good feeder steers to weigh 825-900# for February and March delivery \$22.00-22.65; 3 loads Good and Choice 725# steers \$24.00; 10 loads Good and Choice 600-700# feeder heifers \$22.00-22.50. Colorado: 840 head Good and Choice 575-680# feeder heifers \$22.00-22.70.

Fed lambs 50¢-\$1.00 higher. In Colorado 40 loads Good to mostly Choice 102-113# woolled slaughter lambs \$18.25-19.00; shipment 1,000 Good and Choice 71# feeder lambs \$17.25 F.O.B.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Heavy amount

of snow and adverse weather conditions restricted country trade. Slaughter steers sold 50¢ higher, stockers and feeders fully steady. Three loads high-Good and low-Choice 890# slaughter steers \$25.00; 20 loads Good 920-1060# \$23.50-24.50. About 200 Choice near 750# feeder steers \$24.00; 1,500 Good and Choice 600-725# steers \$23.00-23.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 50¢ higher, mostly 25-50¢ up. Confirmed sales 53 loads steers and 24 loads heifers. Confirmed sales stockers and feeders 8,500 head, strong to 50¢ higher. Good and Choice 1000-1300# fed steers \$23.00-24.50; Standard and low-Good \$21.00-22.00. Good and Choice 800-1000# fed heifers \$23.00-24.75. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$21.50-26.00; Good and Choice stocker and feeder heifers \$21.00-23.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers fully steady to strong, some sales 25¢ higher; fed heifers steady; stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady; slaughter lambs 50-75¢ higher except \$1.00-1.50 up in Idaho. Choice 1000-1266# slaughter steers \$25.25-26.50, some 1400# \$25.00; Good and Choice 825-950# fed heifers \$23.25-24.00. Good and Choice 450-500# stock calves \$24.00 on heifers and \$26.00 on steers.

Washington - Choice 106-108# slaughter lambs with No. 1 and Fall shorn pelts \$17.50; mixed Good and Choice 85-95# \$16.00. Idaho - Choice 105-116# woolled slaughter lambs \$18.50-19.00. Oregon - Good and Choice No. 1 and 2 pelt slaughter lambs \$16.00-16.50. Northwest Montana - Choice woolled lambs \$17.00; Good and Choice 94-95# shearing lambs \$16.50.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 10
	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Chicago	41,515	46,149	312	430	51,470	46,866	13,552	21,312
Cincinnati	3,808	3,443	672	645	13,518	10,095	1,117	811
Denver	11,469	12,720	791	257	5,716	4,130	12,923	15,447
Fort Worth	5,930	6,506	1,182	1,782	1,646	2,326	6,296	11,728
Indianapolis ...	8,057	7,626	648	648	42,786	35,416	4,194	3,488
Kansas City	20,753	16,411	1,252	478	18,077	14,953	4,320	9,182
Oklahoma City ..	8,642	7,805	716	348	3,587	3,564	1,280	1,076
Omaha	35,879	37,215	748	435	63,396	45,443	13,981	17,376
St. Joseph	15,745	13,414	738	483	36,019	26,040	10,239	10,439
St. Louis NSY ..	14,895	14,419	2,507	2,420	76,987	56,545	6,700	7,116
Sioux City	27,757	29,142	1,091	2,301	53,883	50,662	11,943	12,692
S. St. Paul	22,716	22,752	11,804	12,269	73,090	64,112	17,188	13,792
Total	217,166	217,602	22,461	22,496	440,175	360,152	103,733	124,459
Jan. 2, 1960 ...	173,300		12,824		354,712		74,128	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Jan. 9, 1960	Jan. 2, 1960	Jan. 10, 1959
Hogs	483,000	372,000	435,500
Sheep ...	32,100	20,600	37,900

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
MONTH OF DECEMBER

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Chicago.....	193,077	214,366	206,505	226,895	1,621	2,273	1,630	2,273
Cincinnati....	13,682	16,137	18,839	19,788	2,279	2,889	2,472	2,994
Denver.....	39,960	39,988	123,556	58,521	4,640	2,602	6,869	5,902
Fort Worth....	22,541	20,713	28,877	28,113	7,863	6,968	13,699	11,851
Indianapolis..	27,202	31,121	27,381	31,412	2,517	2,613	2,674	2,613
Kansas City...	86,347	77,124	109,925	91,151	4,923	4,576	8,279	9,292
Oklahoma City.	33,470	28,397	36,760	31,488	4,606	3,698	4,808	3,822
Omaha.....	170,201	165,552	174,598	170,155	7,819	6,965	7,969	7,394
St. Joseph....	67,175	64,966	69,231	65,851	2,713	2,747	2,751	2,857
St. Louis NSY.	61,942	62,787	63,879	64,560	8,798	9,317	8,886	9,812
Sioux City....	132,946	131,568	136,242	137,075	19,360	9,958	20,502	11,262
S. St. Paul...	93,906	94,912	102,823	98,398	42,138	46,632	43,709	50,545
Total.....	942,449	1,098,616	1,023,407	1,098,616	109,277	101,238	124,248	120,617
		947,631		1,023,407		101,238		120,617
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Chicago.....	217,628	227,222	221,819	272,609	49,377	60,803	54,688	67,058
Cincinnati....	52,581	46,987	67,678	51,621	5,573	4,938	5,639	4,994
Denver.....	23,828	13,436	63,191	41,903	55,945	52,651	108,904	92,716
Fort Worth....	8,804	7,536	27,815	30,155	24,833	16,204	44,990	27,593
Indianapolis..	168,022	156,177	169,212	157,138	19,793	19,933	20,395	19,933
Kansas City...	79,868	62,439	86,694	70,016	19,924	28,253	33,730	32,676
Oklahoma City.	13,684	11,475	51,567	38,358	6,824	5,033	6,824	5,033
Omaha.....	280,230	220,274	399,110	317,397	59,688	61,900	66,833	77,240
St. Joseph....	159,303	130,772	231,190	153,763	28,088	28,425	57,333	48,073
St. Louis NSY.	321,249	245,653	331,897	282,226	28,581	30,490	30,950	32,320
Sioux City....	247,552	243,680	298,027	258,809	46,939	41,484	55,042	45,853
S. St. Paul...	301,868	288,770	373,029	332,459	68,532	65,630	88,914	80,894
Total.....	1,874,617	2,321,229	2,006,454	2,321,229	414,097	415,744	574,242	534,383
		1,654,421		2,006,454		415,744		534,383

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Hogs	Sheep
December 1959.....	1,921,000	109,800
December 1958.....	1,644,000	127,300

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 8 1959	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 8 1959	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 8 1959	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 8 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,753	3,667	10.1	12.5	1,256	1,262	27.53	29.01
Choice.....	17,082	18,815	62.5	64.1	1,181	1,208	26.01	27.62
Good.....	6,085	6,011	22.3	20.5	1,126	1,148	24.27	26.27
Standard.....	1,290	645	4.7	2.2	1,032	1,042	22.21	25.02
Commercial.....	--	181	--	.6	--	1,429	--	23.39
Utility.....	105	24	.4	.1	935	936	18.47	22.61
All grades.....	27,315	29,343			1,168	1,200	25.62	27.45
OMAHA								
Prime.....	177	944	1.1	5.5	1,178	1,189	26.77	28.23
Choice.....	6,716	8,753	43.1	50.9	1,178	1,200	25.17	26.31
Good.....	7,956	6,977	51.0	40.5	1,169	1,197	23.12	24.72
Standard.....	584	363	3.8	2.1	1,129	1,207	19.38	22.99
Utility.....	157	178	1.0	1.0	1,160	1,132	17.29	21.90
All grades.....	15,590	17,215			1,172	1,198	23.86	25.66
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	285	1,112	2.5	8.4	1,211	1,165	26.53	28.14
Choice.....	7,344	8,999	64.8	68.0	1,159	1,181	25.11	26.71
Good.....	3,321	2,615	29.3	19.8	1,114	1,107	23.32	25.31
Standard.....	331	488	2.9	3.7	1,060	1,099	20.89	23.28
Utility.....	57	17	.5	.1	1,042	1,023	18.43	21.91
All grades.....	11,338	13,231			1,144	1,162	24.50	26.44
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	42	64	.6	1.0	1,186	1,114	27.65	28.73
Choice.....	2,375	2,017	35.2	32.9	1,159	1,175	24.71	26.34
Good.....	3,639	3,359	54.0	54.8	1,149	1,138	22.34	24.97
Standard.....	597	643	8.9	10.5	1,068	1,055	20.22	23.55
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	91	48	1.3	.8	1,132	1,134	17.48	22.13
All grades.....	6,744	6,131			1,145	1,141	22.98	25.31
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	867	1,059	17.9	21.3	1,099	1,128	25.18	26.74
Good.....	2,381	2,697	49.0	54.2	1,065	1,098	23.46	25.60
Standard.....	1,463	1,174	30.1	23.6	1,037	1,067	20.63	24.15
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	144	45	3.0	.9	890	853	17.56	21.52
All grades.....	4,855	4,975			1,058	1,095	22.80	25.49
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	10	--	.1	--	914	--	29.00
Choice.....	2,173	2,159	34.4	32.0	1,130	1,153	24.72	26.83
Good.....	3,368	3,906	53.4	57.9	1,147	1,154	22.74	25.18
Standard.....	738	618	11.7	9.2	1,093	1,064	20.05	23.48
Utility.....	30	53	.5	.8	953	1,018	15.78	21.22
All grades.....	6,309	6,746			1,134	1,144	23.09	25.55
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,543	2,547	51.5	47.8	1,217	1,212	25.12	26.83
Good.....	1,382	2,752	46.1	51.7	1,175	1,157	23.98	25.64
Standard.....	71	25	2.4	.5	1,175	1,149	19.25	22.33
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	2,996	5,324			1,196	1,183	24.47	26.21

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	13,533	22,318	9.8	15.6	1,253	1,233	27.22	28.28
Choice.....	91,707	85,208	66.3	59.7	1,165	1,192	25.57	27.19
Good.....	26,499	31,602	19.2	22.2	1,110	1,155	23.87	25.88
Standard.....	5,305	2,864	3.8	2.0	1,033	1,116	22.26	24.51
Commercial.....	315	402	.2	.3	1,443	1,503	20.87	23.29
Utility.....	1,003	232	.7	.2	1,036	1,103	18.60	22.45
All grades.....	138,362	142,626			1,158	1,190	25.26	27.01
OMAHA								
Prime.....	797	2,823	1.1	3.4	1,194	1,148	26.61	27.99
Choice.....	32,101	41,408	44.0	50.4	1,144	1,174	24.98	26.34
Good.....	35,775	33,246	49.1	40.4	1,145	1,163	23.12	24.94
Standard.....	3,458	3,798	4.7	4.6	1,118	1,194	20.00	23.34
Utility.....	780	951	1.1	1.2	1,067	1,146	17.77	22.06
All grades.....	72,911	82,226			1,143	1,169	23.78	25.64
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	758	2,404	1.3	4.0	1,160	1,165	26.14	27.74
Choice.....	34,199	38,001	60.0	62.8	1,149	1,163	24.64	26.50
Good.....	20,033	17,191	35.2	28.4	1,106	1,149	23.20	25.24
Standard.....	1,570	2,165	2.8	3.6	1,092	1,090	20.63	23.89
Utility.....	432	723	.7	1.2	1,063	1,119	18.62	22.65
All grades.....	56,992	60,484			1,132	1,156	24.01	26.06
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	180	124	.6	.4	1,173	1,117	27.48	28.01
Choice.....	7,513	7,437	26.8	24.8	1,149	1,163	24.75	26.23
Good.....	15,690	17,085	56.1	57.1	1,143	1,141	22.79	24.98
Standard.....	3,893	5,046	14.0	16.9	1,111	1,107	20.22	23.49
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	693	245	2.5	.8	1,111	1,110	17.34	21.56
All grades.....	27,969	29,937			1,140	1,140	22.87	25.04
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	5	5	--	.0	1,203	978	26.50	28.50
Choice.....	2,957	5,911	13.3	27.1	1,076	1,104	25.43	26.38
Good.....	10,952	11,185	49.1	51.3	1,079	1,090	23.61	25.32
Standard.....	7,525	4,507	33.7	20.6	1,024	1,053	21.17	23.93
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	862	212	3.9	1.0	1,012	1,031	17.89	21.75
All grades.....	22,301	21,820			1,057	1,086	22.85	25.30
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	128	31	.4	.1	1,141	1,084	26.85	28.40
Choice.....	15,317	8,663	47.9	28.6	1,122	1,112	24.51	26.77
Good.....	13,022	16,161	40.7	53.3	1,134	1,127	22.43	25.04
Standard.....	3,413	5,210	10.7	17.2	1,091	1,093	19.47	23.72
Utility.....	89	231	.3	.8	1,024	1,091	16.36	21.68
All grades.....	31,969	30,296			1,123	1,116	23.12	25.29
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	5,060	7,550	55.4	54.1	1,198	1,201	25.43	26.83
Good.....	3,827	6,183	41.9	44.3	1,174	1,156	23.97	25.92
Standard.....	206	191	2.2	1.4	1,130	1,085	18.89	22.50
Utility.....	45	24	.5	.2	1,044	1,021	16.84	21.00
All grades.....	9,138	13,948			1,186	1,179	24.65	26.38

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
			by grades					
					Month			
	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958
Prime	15,401	27,705	4.3	7.3	1,243	1,218	27.14	28.20
Choice	188,854	194,178	52.5	50.9	1,154	1,176	25.18	26.78
Good	125,798	132,653	35.0	34.8	1,125	1,145	23.24	25.30
Standard	25,370	23,781	7.1	6.2	1,066	1,107	20.79	23.75
Com'l.	315	402	.1	.1	1,443	1,503	20.87	23.29
Utility	3,904	2,618	1.0	.7	1,053	1,116	17.98	22.15
All grades	359,642	381,337			1,141	1,164	24.24	26.17

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
			by grades					
					Month			
	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958
Prime	4,034	3,499	2.9	3.1	1,014	986	25.39	27.84
Choice	67,225	56,803	47.9	51.0	966	953	24.18	26.86
Good	55,448	41,531	39.5	37.3	914	909	22.74	25.73
Standard	11,553	8,405	8.2	7.5	864	899	19.98	23.85
Com'l.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility	2,081	1,181	1.5	1.1	885	920	17.06	21.15
All grades	140,341	111,419			937	933	23.24	26.20

STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT 5 SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/
DECEMBER 1959

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Cincinnati.....	3,376	2,204	1,052	758	23.43	22.61
Indianapolis.....	11,822	3,268	1,058	865	23.94	23.12
Fort Worth.....	4,224	1,579	990	683	22.04	22.50
Oklahoma City....	3,388	1,670	1,115	862	22.47	22.02
Sioux Falls.....	10,833	7,875	1,131	970	23.71	22.61

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Division, A.M.S.

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Six months	
	Jan. 7 1960	Dec. 31 1959	Jan. 8 1959	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	July - Dec. 1959 1958
Steers - 1001# up	576	663	840	3,311	5,891	20,697 27,006
901-1000	1,557	1,104	1,433	7,588	10,326	65,372 67,371
801-900	3,117	2,011	2,721	16,177	13,529	120,793 112,469
701-800	4,736	1,598	2,596	20,775	14,613	187,038 154,343
501-700	7,214	2,991	5,472	38,685	27,365	371,130 307,916
Total steers 10 mths.	17,200	8,367	13,062	86,536	71,724	765,030 669,105
Av. wts. " " "	734#	773#	747#	732#	765#	719# 732#
Av. cost* " " "	\$22.68	\$22.21	\$26.69	\$22.97	\$26.33	\$25.05 \$26.29
" " " Chicago	23.21	22.93	26.19	22.87	25.89	25.85 26.32
" " " Ks. City	22.60	22.12	26.11	22.51	25.81	24.52 25.59
" " " Omaha	23.43	22.67	27.40	23.62	27.06	26.08 27.45
" " " S. St. Paul	21.40	20.74	23.64	21.54	25.00	23.53 24.76
" " " Sioux City	23.86	23.53	28.18	24.72	27.46	26.34 27.14
" " " Denver	24.37	--	27.40	23.96	27.15	25.48 27.27
" " " Ft. Worth	22.21	23.17	27.04	21.88	26.58	23.86 25.29
" " " Okla. City	21.34	21.43	26.52	21.21	26.46	23.89 25.32
" " " S. St. Joseph	21.70	20.99	25.70	21.89	26.31	24.38 25.38
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	21.58	21.10	25.34	21.42	24.65	23.76 24.44
Total calves-10 mths.	8,443	3,747	25,735	70,802	63,572	513,242 487,624
" heifers " "	2,433	1,664	2,233	12,181	14,632	136,849 141,091
" cows " "	690	437	754	7,104	7,493	30,340 38,582

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and Mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Jan. 9, 1960	395	236.6	115	12.9	1,695	232.9	340	17.0	499.4	--
Jan. 2, 1960	300	179.7	75	8.4	1,260	170.2	245	12.2	370.5	--
Dec. 26, 1959	3/									
Jan. 10, 1959	1/ 351	215.7	114	12.5	1,367	194.6	324	16.2	439.0	46.6
Percentage change from:										
Jan. 2, 1960	32	32	53	54	35	37	39	39	35	--
Jan. 10, 1959	13	10	1	3	24	20	5	5	14	--
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs		yield	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	
Jan. 9, 1960	1060	599	200	112	241	137	103	50	--	
Jan. 2, 1960	1060	599	200	112	237	135	103	50	--	
Dec. 26, 1959	1060	604	195	110	241	137	101	49	--	
Jan. 10, 1959	1068	615	196	110	247	142	103	50	13.8	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard. 3/ Not available at this time.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 9 1960	Jan. 10 1959	Jan. 9 1960	Jan. 10 1959	Jan. 9 1960	Jan. 10 1959	Jan. 9 1960	Jan. 10 1959
Boston, New York City Area.	15,253	14,559	11,303	8,199	57,404	52,541	52,400	46,805
Baltimore, Philadelphia....	9,225	8,393	2,265	836	32,489	28,034	5,884	4,186
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	20,653	20,186	5,687	5,106	164,083	118,753	18,046	17,147
Chicago Area.....	17,267	23,166	7,767	8,234	28,042	48,185	5,225	6,485
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	33,847	29,357	27,513	32,489	173,512	116,875	21,577	16,632
St. Louis Area.....	12,140	10,296	1,627	1,767	109,730	88,755	7,244	5,676
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,798	22,604	--	--	139,497	111,939	22,029	26,920
Omaha Area.....	39,211	34,333	90	185	92,067	84,297	31,514	20,587
Kansas City.....	15,981	10,920	--	--	53,244	33,768	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	34,920	31,200	11,505	12,555	385,211	322,219	39,154	40,367
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph'l's..	7,562	7,230	3,764	3,638	74,601	52,936	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	7,520	6,934	3,804	3,392	34,309	27,535	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	22,507	17,140	1,292	1,508	64,631	47,352	15,473	13,150
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	8,654	9,405	4,240	4,957	19,324	24,317	11,850	11,307
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	19,906	17,576	233	367	23,390	14,792	38,108	37,346
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	30,826	22,523	1,447	1,790	32,728	24,465	40,165	28,724
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,114	6,849	379	224	21,906	17,627	5,683	5,563
Total.....	330,384	292,671	82,916	85,247	1,506,168	1,214,390	314,352	280,895

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago: Kansas: Omaha: S. St.: St. Louis: Sioux: S. St.: Indian:-	City: Paul: apolis:	City: Worth: City:	Fort: Okla.: Wichita: Antonio							
	City:	Joseph:	NSY:	City:							
Jan. 8, 1960	2	45	11	12	25	58	34	50			
Dec. 31, 1959	2	35	12	8	6	2	8	9	45	40	50
Jan. 9, 1959	2	24	9	12	3	5	5	5	25	35	50
Feeder and stockers											
Slaughter cows											
Jan. 8, 1960	7	9	10	9	20	9	25	10	11	19	25
Dec. 31, 1959	5	8	6	5	9	4	14	12	15	11	20
Jan. 9, 1959	5	7	8	7	10	6	20	10	15	5	15

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.40	29.65	--	--	27.35	28.88	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.65	29.15	--	--	27.22	28.50	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.38	28.55	25.50	27.75	25.98	27.62	26.11	27.50	26.75	28.43
1100-1300	26.20	28.05	25.45	26.78	25.32	26.88	25.58	27.00	26.25	28.19
Good 900-1100	24.42	26.75	22.60	25.78	23.15	25.62	22.65	25.50	25.25	27.47
Standard - All wts.	21.45	24.75	19.60	23.62	19.80	23.50	19.00	23.00	22.50	26.00
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	25.66	27.90	24.98	27.62	25.32	27.25	25.36	27.78	24.25	--
Good ** 600-800	--	26.40	22.25	25.50	22.75	25.02	22.45	25.75	23.38	26.00
Standard - All wts.	20.52	24.22	19.00	23.25	19.48	22.88	19.00	23.00	21.25	24.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.72	20.55	17.20	20.90	16.72	20.08	17.48	21.42	17.38	20.62
Utility	15.55	19.25	15.78	19.55	15.48	18.82	16.30	20.35	16.00	19.12
Cutter	15.10)		14.20)		14.15)		14.50)		13.25)	
Canner	13.45)	18.05	12.55)	17.30	12.95)	16.55	13.20)	17.62	11.75)	16.75
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	22.50	25.98	19.15	23.20	19.75	23.40	--	23.35	20.62	23.25
Utility	21.60	24.98	19.10	22.05	19.50	21.98	19.80	23.80	22.06	24.88
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	24.00	27.50	--	--	--	27.25	--	--
Good	--	--	22.25	26.50	--	--	--	24.50	25.50	27.25
Standard	--	--	19.50	25.00	--	--	--	21.50	22.25	24.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	29.50	32.60	27.50	33.50	24.50	29.00	--	29.00	31.00	34.25
Good	27.50	30.90	25.50	31.50	23.00	26.50	--	26.50	28.50	31.00
Standard	23.50	27.10	21.50	28.00	20.50	23.50	--	24.00	24.50	26.25
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.82	31.00	25.62	29.88	26.58	30.38	26.00	29.75	24.00	26.50
Good 500-800	24.65	27.75	23.25	27.50	24.30	26.88	24.00	27.75	22.50	25.00
Medium 500-1000	21.42	25.25	20.25	25.00	20.75	23.75	21.00	24.50	19.75	22.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	22.75	26.00	24.25	28.00	23.25	27.00	22.50	25.50
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.00	25.00	21.00	23.75	21.00	24.50	19.50	22.75
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.00	19.25	13.25	19.75	17.00	20.25	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	26.50	34.00	30.25	36.50	29.50	35.75	25.25	30.75
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.00	31.00	27.00	33.00	26.25	33.00	24.50	28.25

* Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		Los Angeles	
Classification		Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	27.05	28.80	--	--	26.84	28.44	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.31	28.35	--	--	26.81	28.18	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	25.96	27.87	25.48	27.06	25.43	27.28	25.99	27.28	26.05	27.52
	1100-1300	25.55	27.30	25.31	26.25	25.10	26.62	25.46	26.82	25.62	27.11
Good	900-1100	23.82	26.14	22.75	25.36	22.97	25.57	22.66	25.34	24.23	26.36
Standard-All wts.		21.45	24.48	19.65	23.12	19.91	23.63	19.12	22.70	22.20	25.01
Heifers -											
Choice	600-800#	--	27.58	24.68	27.31	24.50	26.91	25.04	27.33	25.67	26.77
Good	500-900	22.83	26.22	22.08	25.36	22.10	25.30	22.31	25.51	23.75	25.72
Standard-All wts.		20.25	23.95	19.05	22.95	19.36	23.32	19.06	22.86	21.08	24.43
Cows - All weights-											
Commercial		15.86	19.58	16.08	20.21	16.01	19.36	17.37	20.75	17.04	21.44
Utility		14.79	18.15	14.76	18.55	14.74	18.01	15.74	19.75	15.73	19.69
Canner & Cutter		13.63	16.65	12.24	15.95	12.94	15.90	13.45	17.20	13.49	16.82
Bulls - All wts. -											
Utility & Com'l.		20.66	24.12	18.32	22.02	19.06	21.90	19.66	23.33	22.22	24.26
Calves - 500# dn.-											
Choice		--	--	23.09	27.33	--	--	--	27.20	--	29.65
Stand. & Good		--	--	20.24	24.98	--	--	--	23.00	24.52	26.38
Vealers - All wts.-											
Choice & Prime		29.50	32.50	27.10	31.40	24.50	27.65	--	29.00	--	--
Stand. & Good		25.64	28.50	22.90	28.15	21.75	24.10	--	25.25	27.25	--
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	27.15	31.23	25.64	30.15	26.80	30.40	25.93	29.75	--	--
Good	" "	24.96	27.91	23.46	27.45	24.45	26.75	24.15	27.65	24.35	25.68
Medium	500-1000	21.22	25.07	20.03	24.35	20.90	23.80	21.05	24.45	21.45	23.80
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750	--	--	22.62	27.55	24.45	28.00	23.16	26.70	--	--
Med. & Gd. "	" "	--	--	19.20	24.45	20.95	23.75	20.00	24.40	20.94	--
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	15.94	19.35	13.14	19.90	15.79	20.18	--	19.05
Calves - 300-500#-											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	26.96	34.20	30.10	36.50	29.16	35.55	26.33	30.00
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	23.92	31.00	26.73	33.00	26.10	33.00	23.83	--

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	So. Minnesota		Stock Yards		National		National		National		National		National		National	
	Jan.	9	Jan.	10	Jan.	9	Jan.	10	Jan.	9	Jan.	10	Jan.	9	Jan.	10
Barrows and gilts -	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	12.28				12.68	18.12	12.02	17.92	12.66	18.23	12.14			17.92	12.35	17.90
200-220	12.72	18.24			12.68	18.12	12.80	18.11	12.66	18.23	12.58	18.15	12.63	17.95	12.30	17.90
220-240	12.28				12.54	17.85	12.80	18.01	12.40	18.01	12.51		12.54	17.78	11.95	17.53
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	12.20	17.78			12.32	17.70	12.08	17.60	12.02	17.68	11.92		12.19	17.50	11.88	17.61
220-240	11.84	17.28			12.05	17.32	12.08	17.60	11.95	17.65	11.92	16.92	12.19	17.38	11.65	17.40
240-270	11.35	16.72			11.52	16.87	11.72	16.80	11.30	17.10	11.64	16.58	11.86	16.90	11.10	16.62
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	12.04	18.09	11.25	16.67	12.49	17.95	11.80	17.68	12.28	17.80	11.92	17.60	12.15	17.78	12.14	17.73
200-220	12.38	17.92	11.75	17.22	12.44	17.82	12.32	17.90	12.28	17.80	12.14	17.74	12.46	17.72	12.10	17.73
220-240	12.06	17.50	11.47	16.79	12.12	17.50	12.32	17.78	12.20	17.75	12.12	17.40	12.45	17.60	11.76	17.52
240-270	11.52	16.80	10.95	15.97	11.76	17.02	11.90	17.02	11.58	17.22	11.69	16.88	12.08	17.10	11.23	16.73
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330			9.90	14.65	10.38	15.67	10.35	15.00	10.10	15.55	10.35	15.28	10.10	15.32	9.70	15.15
330-400	9.78	15.05	9.36	14.00	10.12	15.15	9.95	14.58	9.58	14.95	9.85	14.68	9.55	14.95	9.13	14.60
400-550	9.12	14.10	8.19	12.82	9.22	14.05	9.55	13.80	8.85	14.25	9.28	13.55	8.88	14.15	8.35	13.65
Classification	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North	
	St. Paul														Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	12.15	17.88	11.95	18.02			12.55	18.37			12.48	17.55	13.17	19.08	14.19	20.44
200-220	12.58	18.02	12.42	18.02	12.37	17.60	12.66	18.37			18.56	12.48	17.58	13.37	19.12	20.59
220-240	12.58	17.92	12.34	17.95	12.37	17.55	12.35				18.50	12.48	17.58		13.97	20.12
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	12.02	17.15	12.16	17.60	12.08	17.30	12.59	18.19	12.28	18.41	11.75	17.08				19.69
220-240	11.98	16.92	12.14	17.44	12.05	17.18	12.34	17.94	12.22	18.38	11.75	17.08	12.96			19.31
240-270	11.55	16.50	11.80	16.95	11.52	16.60	11.72	17.40	11.81	17.94	11.05	16.40	12.17	18.08		18.50
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	11.88		11.95	17.68			12.46	18.20			18.00	11.88	17.08	13.17		13.47
200-220	12.08		12.28	17.68	12.32	17.50	12.59	18.20	12.38	18.38	11.88	17.08	13.25		13.47	
220-240	11.90		12.22	17.56	12.22	17.35	12.34	17.94	12.25	18.28	11.88	17.08	13.00		13.22	
240-270			11.90	17.12	11.65	16.68	11.72	17.39	11.88	17.75					12.41	
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	10.22	15.50	10.50	15.12	10.12	14.50	10.22	15.69	9.78	17.00	8.55	14.52			11.50	16.75
330-400	9.68	14.65	10.35	14.52	9.70	14.00	9.52	15.25	9.44	16.75	7.80	13.78			10.75	16.00
400-550	8.88	13.62	9.82	13.78	9.08	13.10	8.82	14.42	8.94	16.06	7.05	12.90			10.25	14.50
Feeder pigs - All weights																
Good and choice	10.25	16.15		16.92												

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 9, 1960	11.72	11.92	11.92	11.95	11.78	11.89	11.70	12.06	11.86
	Jan. 2, 1960	11.69	12.07	11.98	12.18	11.90	12.14	11.80	12.19	11.99
	Jan. 10, 1959	17.16	17.38	17.29	16.95	16.80	17.00	16.87	17.62	17.10
	Jan. 9, 1960	9.03	9.46	8.94	9.64	9.90	9.51	9.28	8.96	9.35
Sows	Jan. 2, 1960	8.93	9.18	8.62	9.43	9.41	9.48	8.80	8.71	9.11
	Jan. 10, 1959	14.17	14.19	14.29	13.77	13.76	14.07	14.00	14.39	14.05
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 9, 1960	236	224	232	241	243	227	231	229	233
	Jan. 2, 1960	234	219	230	236	237	225	229	228	229
	Jan. 10, 1959	239	228	233	250	250	238	236	228	238
	Jan. 9, 1960	456	409	429	441	438	411	416	438	431
Sows	Jan. 2, 1960	450	413	426	439	446	404	415	434	430
	Jan. 10, 1959	456	436	437	454	447	393	428	463	443
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 9, 1960	40917	70057	16165	54951	47470	31922	60005	36500	357987
	Jan. 2, 1960	31889	56448	15437	41791	36890	27003	46493	30660	286611
	Jan. 10, 1959	37288	49090	13359	38946	45165	23427	52086	30800	290161
	Jan. 9, 1960	5407	6015	1322	5130	3053	2942	4339	3893	32101
Sows	Jan. 2, 1960	4070	4601	1031	4296	2675	2181	3174	2959	24987
	Jan. 10, 1959	5123	4358	866	4282	3301	1694	4359	2840	26823
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Jan. 9, 1960	12	8	8	9	6	8	7	10
		Jan. 2, 1960	11	8	6	9	7	7	6	9
		Jan. 10, 1959	12	8	6	10	7	7	8	8

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Jan. 9, 1960	\$14.93	\$12.38	\$2.55
Jan. 2, 1960	14.74	12.28	2.46
Jan. 10, 1959	19.45	17.92	1.53

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan. 9, 1960	11.72	113.9	10.3
Jan. 2, 1960	11.69	112.7	10.4
Jan. 10, 1959	17.16	117.4	14.6

1/ Simple average price.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Month		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1959	11.87	11.96	11.84	11.84	11.70	11.84	11.70	12.30	11.86
	Nov. 1959	12.75	12.88	12.47	12.48	12.37	12.53	12.39	13.05	12.61
	Dec. 1958	18.15	18.36	17.88	17.62	17.46	17.84	17.40	18.51	17.86
Sows	Dec. 1959	8.88	9.18	8.61	8.92	8.82	9.08	8.90	8.73	8.92
	Nov. 1959	10.08	10.58	10.32	10.33	10.05	10.57	10.31	10.08	10.28
	Dec. 1958	14.62	14.40	14.69	14.28	14.16	14.54	14.17	14.46	14.37
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1959	232	221	232	238	237	227	229	227	230
	Nov. 1959	230	221	230	233	233	225	224	227	228
	Dec. 1958	235	226	232	240	240	230	234	225	233
Sows	Dec. 1959	448	408	428	430	433	405	415	440	427
	Nov. 1959	434	401	420	422	421	392	406	439	417
	Dec. 1958	441	430	435	440	433	417	422	454	435
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1959	167417	282995	71536	238002	216575	140213	241248	141121	1499107
	Nov. 1959	165213	256722	66965	205115	218013	123824	227708	130058	1393618
	Dec. 1958	179397	212175	55388	186333	213704	115421	229269	132774	1324461
Sows	Dec. 1959	25639	27980	6170	27438	18079	12169	22671	18335	158481
	Nov. 1959	23421	25533	6093	24445	18565	11370	31254	17562	158243
	Dec. 1958	24650	19340	4611	22371	19235	8346	24478	14724	137755
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Dec. 1959		13	9	8	10	8	8	9	12	10
Nov. 1959		12	9	8	11	8	8	12	12	10
Dec. 1958		12	8	8	10	8	7	10	10	9

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Dec. 1959	\$14.69	\$12.42	\$2.27
Nov. 1959	15.32	13.06	2.26
Dec. 1958	20.29	18.72	1.57

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 1959	11.87	109.5	10.8
Nov. 1959	12.75	110.0	11.6
Dec. 1958	18.15	116.7	15.6

1/ Weighted average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Calendar year		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Year 1959	14.84	14.80	14.65	14.53	14.45	14.57	14.28	15.05	14.64
	Year 1958	20.28	20.58	20.41	20.03	19.74	20.30	19.78	20.83	20.25
	Year 1957	18.28	18.48	18.47	18.16	17.87	18.34	17.94	18.66	18.29
Sows	Year 1959	11.70	11.97	11.74	11.88	11.76	12.01	11.74	11.63	11.80
	Year 1958	18.18	18.00	17.96	18.36	18.27	18.38	18.44	17.85	18.22
	Year 1957	16.81	16.44	16.49	16.95	17.00	16.87	16.89	16.04	16.71
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Year 1959	231	218	227	235	236	226	229	223	228
	Year 1958	230	221	225	234	236	226	229	220	227
	Year 1957	230	219	224	229	232	223	224	219	224
Sows	Year 1959	419	402	413	404	402	385	386	424	403
	Year 1958	414	410	418	402	396	387	384	430	403
	Year 1957	404	398	406	384	373	372	375	424	392
NUMBER OF HEAD - (In thousands)										
Barrows and gilts	Year 1959	1,737	2,888	751	1,947	1,824	1,263	2,128	1,672	14,209
	Year 1958	1,636	2,332	631	1,491	1,383	1,128	1,856	1,642	12,100
	Year 1957	1,504	2,683	665	1,356	1,132	1,098	1,954	1,973	12,364
Sows	Year 1959	288	250	57	345	256	120	384	175	1,875
	Year 1958	269	185	43	270	199	93	307	168	1,534
	Year 1957	313	213	45	231	153	84	316	186	1,542
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Year 1959		14	8	7	15	12	9	15	10	12
Year 1958		14	7	6	15	13	8	14	9	11
Year 1957		17	7	6	15	12	7	14	9	11

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Calendar year	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Year 1959	\$17.16	\$15.21	\$1.95
Year 1958	22.66	21.01	1.65

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Calendar year	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio 2/ based on barrows and gilts
Year 1959	14.84	121.2	12.3
Year 1958	20.28	119.7	16.8

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average of monthly ratios.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was slow as the holidays ended. However, some woollen and worsted type pulled wools sold at slightly higher prices. A few lots of Australian noils sold at steady prices. Activity in the domestic markets was dull, apparently awaiting the start of contracting of the new clip in the West.

The Dominion markets opened Thursday, January 7 at East London and Durban and will resume January 11 in Australia. The Montevideo market resumed trading with most interest being in 60/64s super skirted wools.

Trading on carpet wools was slow but prices remained firm in the primary markets and in Boston. January 13th opens the Liverpool sales of India wools with an offering of 7,290 bales which includes 2,825 Afghans.

Fleece Wools - Several cars of Minnesota quarter-blood sold at 59¢ in the grease with an estimated clean price of \$1.09. Good medium lambs wool was sold at 85-88¢ clean, while two cars of good length Ohio lambs brought 52¢ in the grease and was estimated to cost clean about 91¢.

Territory Wools - There was no reported movement of Territory wools.

Texas Wools - No sales of Texas wools have been reported since the holiday season.

Mohair - Trading on mohair was extremely limited.

Foreign Wools - The Australian market opens January 11. Prices opened Jan. 7 on the Cape market on the same basis as it closed in December. Quotations on opening sales as follows. Combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond: South Africa: Oil-combed: 2 - \$1.15, 3 - \$1.13, 7 - \$1.13, 12 - \$1.11; scoured yields: 22 - \$1.11, 27 - \$1.09, 32 - \$1.04. The New Zealand market opens next week. At the present time firm offerings are being made at the following prices converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields: 86 - \$1.01, 92 - 99¢, 93 - 97¢, 833 - 97¢, 834 95¢. Quotations on Montevideo super skirted are as follows: 60/64s - \$1.09, 60s - \$1.06, 58/60s - \$1.03, 56/58s - 99¢, 50/56s - 94¢, all clean basis, U. S. oil-combed yields in bond.

Descriptions of foreign wool types used in these reports follow:

Australian average spinners best top-making warp fleeces: Type 55 - 64/70s; warp and half-warp: Type 61 - 64/70s; 62-64s; 63 - 60/64s. Good to average length, good topmaking fleeces: Type 77- 64/70s; 78 - 64s;

79 - 60/64s; 80 - 60s. Good cross-bred combing fleeces, free or nearly free: Type 421 - 60/64s; 422 - 60s; 423 - 58s; 424 - 56s and 425 - 50s. Good average cross-bred combing fleeces, free or nearly free: Type 431 - 60/64s; 432 - 60s; 433 - 58s; 434 - 56s and 435 - 50s. "B" types contain up to 3 percent seed and/or burr.

SOUTH AFRICA

Spinners style Merinos by type

7 - 12 mos.	64/70s	27 - 7-9 mos.	64/70s
8 - 12 mos.	64s	28 - 7-9 mos.	64s
12 - 10-12 mos.	64/70s	32 - 6-8 mos.	64/70s
17 - 9-11 mos.	64/70s	33 - 6-8 mos.	64s
22 - 8-10 mos.	64/70s	37 - 6 mos.	64/70s

NEW ZEALAND

Good average style carding fleece by type

65 - 58/60s	100 - 50s
72 - 58s	107 - 48/50s
79 - 56/58s	114 - 46/50s
86 - 56s	121 - 48s
93 - 50/56s	128 - 46/48s
834 - 52s	

Good Topmaking Merinos

47 - 12 mos.	64/70s
48 - 12 mos.	64s
52 - 10-12 mos.	64/70s
53 - 10-12 mos.	64s

Carpet Wools - Buenos Aires carpet fleece and November length wools are being offered at 86-88¢ clean fibers present for shipment.

Woollen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

58/60s	2½-3"	Ch. white	\$1.20
58/60s	2-3"	Lt. stain	1.17
50s	3-3½"	White	1.10
50s	3-3½"	Stained	1.05
46/48s	2½-3"	Gray	.90

Scoured Shorn Domestic

Med. fleece	2-2½"	Stained and gray	85¢
Med. fleece	2-2½"	White	90¢

Scoured Shorn Foreign

Aust. 60/64s locks and pieces	\$1.05-1.10
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Noils

Good clear Aust. 64s Schlumbergers	82¢
60/64s semi-clear Aust. Ave.style nobles	95¢
58/60s Aust. nobles	91¢
62s Dom. nobles	92¢

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

56/58s	3-3½"	Choice white	\$1.17
56s	3-3½"	Defective	1.11
56s	3-4"	Stained	1.10
56s	2½-3"	Defective	1.07

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Jan. 7, 1960

(Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

March Wool Tops - \$1.610	March Wool - \$1.263
May Wool Tops - 1.625	May Wool - 1.278

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Trading on fresh meats was very active at most large consuming centers along the Eastern Seaboard and prices advanced. Supplies of most classes were fully normal. However, veal and calf receipts were small and inadequate for trade requirements at some points. Lamb unloads at New York were rather conservative, but some cars that arrived late in the previous week, were purposely carried over and swelled the available supply to normal. Demand was broad for most meats, particularly on veal and calf, and also for lamb 50# down. Beef outlet was well balanced for carcasses and wholesale cuts; rounds and chucks were forerunners at New York, and advances more than offset declines on ribs, plates and briskets, while at that market demand was rather poor for Prime steer beef cuts. Virtually all pork cuts met good distribution at the several markets. Clearance of all classes was very good at Eastern Seaboard markets; in fact, there was some advanced selling of meats at New York, out of cars scheduled for arrival early next week.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef prices were steady to \$2.00 higher, the bulk at New York, 50¢-\$1.00 higher, and the full advance at Washington. Cow beef prices were steady to \$2.00 higher; veal was sharply higher in most instances, with advances ranging from \$2.00-5.00 at all markets. Lamb sold steady to \$2.00 higher at Baltimore and Philadelphia, \$1.00-2.00 higher at Washington, and at New York lamb advanced \$2.00-4.00. Pork loin prices were steady to \$3.00 higher, with the upturn confined to the Washington and New York markets. Other fresh pork cuts sold steady to \$1.00 higher.

CHICAGO - Supplies of steer and heifer beef and fresh pork were near normal early in the week but moderate late. Steer and heifer beef weighing under 700# was insufficient for outlet in some instances. Receipts of lamb and veal were moderate. Trading was fairly active on all fresh meats and prices advanced. Trading was active for beef rounds with demand good. Movement of beef chucks slowed as the week progressed, however, prices were little changed. Lamb hindsaddles and ribs cleared well, but stews and shoulders were rather slow. Compared to the previous week's close: Steer and heifer beef \$1.00-2.00 higher; cow beef steady to \$1.00 higher; veal \$2.00-4.00 higher, lamb \$1.00-2.50 higher; pork loins 8-16# \$2.00-4.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00-1.50 up; spareribs 3# and down fully steady.

PACIFIC COAST - Supplies of steer beef 650# up was moderate with receipts of steer beef under 650# and cow beef rather small. Overall beef supply was the smallest in several weeks. Receipts of calf and veal was rather small, with volume of lamb also limited and not quite adequate for a fairly good movement. Trading was fairly active for all railstocks. Fresh pork supplies were moderate but about adequate for a fair demand. Smoked meats continued liberal and trading was slow.

Compared with the previous week's close: Steer beef steady to \$1.00 higher; cow beef strong to \$3.00 higher; calf and veal steady to \$3.00 higher; lamb strong to \$5.00 higher, the greatest advance at Los Angeles; fresh pork loins steady to \$2.00 higher; other fresh pork steady to \$1.00 higher except for fresh skinned hams instances \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles; smoked skinned hams \$1.00-5.00 lower; other smoked meats and lard about steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Trading on carlots of beef and lamb was rather slow at several centers on Monday but fairly active at most points later in the week. At Chicago, moderate supplies late in the week were insufficient for trade requirements in instances. However, at Denver and Omaha, trading on steer carcasses weighing over 800# was slow throughout the period. At Chicago steer beef closed \$1.00-2.00 higher for the week. Good and Choice steer beef sold mostly 50¢ higher at New York while the small volume of Prime sold \$1.00 lower. Choice steer beef closed mostly \$1.00 higher at Omaha with Good steady to 50¢ up, instances \$1.00 up on Good under 700#. At Denver steer beef under 800# sold \$1.00-1.50 higher, over 800# steady to 50¢ higher. Prices at Philadelphia were strong to \$1.00 higher. Heifer beef sold \$1.00-2.00 higher at Chicago and advanced \$1.00-1.50 at Omaha and Denver. Lamb sold \$1.00-2.00 higher at Chicago and Denver and largely \$1.00 up at other points.

SHIP SAILINGS WITH MEAT FOR U. S. -

The Agricultural Attache in Australia reported the following ship sailings with frozen beef for the United States: Pioneer Isle sailed December 9 with 89,600# for New York and 22,400# for Boston. Arcadia - December 11 with 452,480# for San Francisco. Note: Cities listed indicate location of purchasers and in some instances meat may be diverted for sale to other areas.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds.

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	48.00	47.55	--	45.80	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.05	47.30	43.38	45.60	43.25	46.75	43.44	48.50
	700-800	43.55	45.80	41.88	44.30	42.25	44.50	--	46.50
Good	500-600	43.05	44.55	40.25	43.25	42.50	46.00	43.00	47.50
	600-700	43.45	45.05	40.25	43.25	41.00	44.50	41.50	46.00
Standard	500-600	--	--	38.00	41.88	39.00	42.00	40.00	45.62
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	42.75	--	42.50	--	43.50	--
	600-700	--	--	42.38	--	--	--	41.56	--
Good	500-600	--	--	38.75	--	--	--	41.25	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	63.80	61.50	55.50	57.75	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.60	52.70	50.75	52.62	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	46.80	50.20	44.50	49.25	55.00	57.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	42.60	44.60	--	43.38	--	40.50	39.75	42.25
Choice	45-55	41.05	43.35	39.50	42.38	38.50	40.00	39.75	42.25
Good	35-65	39.30	42.60	37.50	38.00	38.00	39.00	37.12	38.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	37.70	48.40	35.06	45.65	40.00	51.00	38.25	49.75
	12-16	36.00	46.50	33.94	42.85	36.00	51.00	38.25	49.75
Butts	4-8	32.00	38.50	27.44	34.69	36.00	42.50	34.00	41.00
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#		40.40	53.00	45.75	53.50	50.00	58.00	45.88	53.38
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		34.20	46.50	39.75	53.25	39.00	52.00	39.50	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#		29.50	33.00	30.50	36.00	30.00	35.00	29.00	35.50
Lard, 1# carton		12.50	15.00	11.50	13.50	15.50	20.00	13.75	16.19

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JAN. 8, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.00-42.50	40.50-41.50	40.75-41.25	43.00-44.00	43.00-44.00
	700-800	41.00-41.50	39.50-40.50	40.25-40.75	41.50-43.00	42.00-43.00
	800-900	39.00-40.00	38.00-39.00	38.75-39.00	40.00-41.50	40.00-41.00
Good	500-600	38.50-39.00	--	--	40.50-41.50	--
	600-700	38.50-39.00	36.00-39.00	37.25-38.25	39.50-41.50	39.00-40.50
	700-800	38.00-38.50	36.00-38.75	36.75-37.25	39.00-40.00	38.00-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	41.00-42.00	40.00-42.00	40.00-41.00	--	42.50-43.00
	600-700	40.50-41.50	38.50-40.50	39.50-40.00	--	41.50-42.00
Good	500-600	37.00-38.00	--	36.50-37.50	--	36.00-38.00
	600-700	37.00-38.00	--	36.50-37.00	--	--
Lamb -						
Choice	35-45#	39.00-40.00	36.50-37.50	37.25-38.25	40.00-43.00	40.00-41.00
	45-55	37.00-38.00	35.00-35.75	36.25-36.75	39.00-41.00	39.00-39.50
	55-65	35.00-36.00	33.75-34.50	34.25-35.75	37.00-38.50	36.00-37.00

THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

Approved by the Outlook and Situation Board, January 6, 1960
Summary

The period of seasonally large livestock marketings and declining prices has passed. Slaughter this winter will be down from recent months but above last winter. Continued liberal marketings of fed cattle will hold total cattle slaughter equal to or above last winter. Slaughter of hogs will decrease, as usual, but will stay above last year. However, the difference between this year's hog slaughter and the 1959 rate will narrow sharply and by spring slaughter could be close to year-carlier levels. Sheep and lamb slaughter this winter will likely be less than the relatively large slaughter of last winter.

The 1959 fall pig crop was up 2 percent and producers planned December 1 to reduce the spring crop sharply -- 11 percent. The planned reduction was somewhat greater for early farrowings. On December 1 producers in 9 of the Corn Belt States reported the number of hogs over 6 months of age, excluding the number of sows intended for spring farrowings, was about 8 percent larger than a year earlier. The number of pigs 3 to 6 months of age was up 2 percent. This indicates that hog slaughter during the early part of 1960 will be above 1959 but by the end of the year will be substantially less than the previous year.

Farmers' prices for hogs reached a seasonal low of \$11.20 per 100 pounds in mid-December, down \$6.30 from a year earlier. Market prices were relatively steady in late December and some seasonal rise is expected early this winter. A downturn is probable later when marketings from the fall pig crop are largest but a strong seasonal upturn is likely in late-spring. Prices of hogs during the last half of 1960 will likely be above 1959.

Cattle slaughter was above a year ago in the final 2 months of 1959 after lagging behind a year earlier for approximately 2 years. Calf slaughter in commercial plants was also near the previous year's rate for the first time since the fall of 1957. These developments reflect a continued high rate of fed cattle marketings plus some slackening in withholdings for herd expansion. Fed cattle will make up the bulk of slaughter supplies this winter and spring and will continue large throughout the year. However, marketing of grass cattle next summer and fall will likely be moderately larger than during these seasons in 1959.

Sheep and lamb slaughter has been significantly larger than a year earlier since July. As the 1959 lamb crop was up only 2 percent, slaughter this winter is expected to drop below last winter. Price advances will be moderated by liberal supplies of competing meats, but prices should soon rise seasonally up to or a little above last winter.

Consumers will pay less for pork, and probably a little less for beef, this winter than last. Late in 1960, retail pork prices will likely be above year-earlier prices, but beef will continue at or a little below a year earlier.

Imports of meat, largely for processing, were record large in 1959 though in the final quarter they were below a year earlier. Imports will probably continue large during 1960 but below 1959 levels. Domestic production of the classes imported is not expected to increase greatly. The Tariff Commission has been asked to investigate the effects of increased imports of lamb and mutton and sheep and lambs.

During the fall period of heavy marketings in late 1959, the Department of Agriculture purchased approximately 70.2 million pounds of meat products with about 30.8 million dollars of Section 32 funds which the Congress had directed to be used to procure supplies for the National School Lunch Program. Purchases include 18.5 million pounds of ground pork, 27.0 million pounds of canned pork and gravy, 24.3 million pounds of ground beef and 0.4 million pounds of ground lamb.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED JANUARY 1, 1960

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market on January 1 was 7 percent less than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is estimated at 4,140,000 head--308,000 head less than a year earlier.

Weather conditions to January 1 in some parts of the country were unfavorable. Forage was short in the West and the Western Corn Belt. Volunteer wheat pasture provided very little fall pasture and most seeded wheat was planted too late to provide fall and winter grazing in the Central Plains. However, feed supplies were generally abundant in the Eastern Corn Belt.

The average price of good and choice feeder lambs at Denver averaged \$19.25 per 100 pounds in early October. Prices declined steadily through October, November, and December, and price averaged \$17.52 at Denver during the week ending December 26, 1959. Sheep and lamb slaughter during September through November 1959 averaged 12 percent above the same period a year earlier.

CORN BELT STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

In the North Central States the 2,466,000 sheep and lambs on feed were 7 percent less than the 2,659,000 head on feed January 1, 1959. Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa were the only North Central States with an increase from a year earlier in the number of sheep and lambs on feed. The sharpest decline was in Kansas where numbers were 37 percent below the previous year. In Kansas the available grazing on wheat pastures was largely confined to the western third of the State.

The increases were Ohio, 5 percent; Minnesota and Iowa, each 4 percent; and Michigan, 2 percent. Decreases in addition to Kansas ranged from 13 percent in Illinois to 2 percent in Nebraska.

Shipments of feeder sheep and lambs into 9 of the Corn Belt States for which data are available totaled 1,992,776 head from July through November 1959. This was 3 percent less than for the same period of 1958.

WESTERN STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed in the 11 Western States totaled 1,383,000 head--6 percent less than the 1,466,000 head on feed a year earlier. Decreases were shown in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada. These decreases were only partially offset by increases in the other Western States.

In Colorado, the main feeding State, the 555,000 head on feed January 1 were 3 percent more than the 540,000 head on feed a year earlier. The increase was generally in Northern Colorado, with only a slight increase indicated in the Arkansas Valley. In California the number of sheep and lambs on feed at 311,000 head was 6 percent more than the 293,000 head on feed on January 1, 1959.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED, JANUARY 1, 1954-60 1/

State and division	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1960 percent of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
New York	21	20	20	20	21	23	18	80
Ohio.....	215	211	211	205	201	221	232	105
Indiana.....	86	77	86	92	88	66	60	91
Illinois.....	196	161	185	207	180	180	157	87
Michigan.....	90	90	98	90	88	85	87	102
Wisconsin....	60	62	61	60	62	62	55	89
Minnesota....	234	225	218	229	211	207	215	104
Iowa.....	412	441	401	453	476	500	520	104
Missouri.....	100	130	112	130	114	142	129	91
North Dakota:	82	80	122	118	110	105	100	95
South Dakota:	196	230	218	218	255	255	224	88
Nebraska.....	555	588	453	507	451	456	447	98
Kansas.....	266	239	160	150	225	380	240	63
N.C.....	2,492	2,534	2,325	2,459	2,461	2,659	2,466	93
Alabama.....	---	---	42	23	6	---	---	---
Oklahoma.....	75	60	61	42	41	59	42	71
Texas.....	300	305	290	273	191	241	231	96
Montana.....	143	150	183	108	118	124	89	72
Idaho.....	90	95	95	120	80	110	77	70
Wyoming.....	122	133	130	115	135	135	112	83
Colorado.....	505	542	510	550	504	540	555	103
New Mexico...	52	63	71	23	42	79	58	73
Arizona.....	40	65	60	51	26	29	30	103
Utah.....	105	98	89	94	66	81	77	95
Nevada.....	12	11	13	16	16	16	12	75
Washington...	34	32	28	25	19	23	25	109
Oregon.....	21	25	24	31	34	36	37	102
California...	265	312	320	352	250	293	2/311	106
West.....	1,389	1,526	1,523	1,485	1,290	1,466	1,383	94
U. S.	4,277	4,445	4,261	4,302	4,010	4,448	4,140	93

1/ Includes sheep and lambs on feed in commercial feed lots.

2/ Includes 25,000 imported lambs under quarantine.

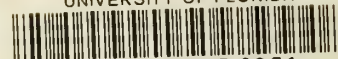
UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	November 1959 Pounds	November 1958 Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic)		
Beef and Veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	994,151	495,003
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,870,718	1,565,298
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,631,446	946,861
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	3,001,648	2,303,245
Bacon	2,043,167	773,063
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	1,025,799	1,361,308
Sausage, bologna & frankfurters (except canned)	161,614	172,762
Meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	88,124	48,849
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	4,957,560	4,291,567
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	1,863,584	1,615,502
Variety meats, n.e.c. (except canned)	2,653,593	1,324,760
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	675,848	527,405
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	252,094	100,441
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters	133,208	136,336
Hams and shoulders	62,805	73,859
Pork, canned, n.e.c.	214,199	331,147
Meat and meat products, n.e.c.	317,869	557,126
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	58,330	28,070
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	70,722,250	40,351,838
Shortenings, animal fat (excl. lard)	209,440	10,550
Tallow, edible	1,523,539	200,359
Tallow, inedible	121,944,742	104,391,878
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	744,445	137,980
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	8,769,934	6,262,008
Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.		

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	November 1959 Number	November 1958 Number
Cattle (For breeding) -		
Dairy	924	874
Ex. dairy	1,725	2,419
Other (ex. for breeding)	9,712	215
Hogs	1,313	107
Sheep	285	117

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Jan. 9, 1960	19.10	18.75	18.58	17.38	18.87	17.98	18.00
	Jan. 10, 1959	19.38	19.35	19.32	17.80	19.50	18.38	19.44*
Good	Jan. 9, 1960	18.05	17.88	17.72	17.25	18.22	17.30	17.38
	Jan. 10, 1959	18.38	18.48	18.62	17.25	18.88	17.50	18.75*
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 9, 1960	6.05	5.50	4.65	--	5.62	4.75	5.25
	Jan. 10, 1959	6.50	7.75	6.75	--	7.88	7.25	8.25
Cull and Utility	Jan. 9, 1960	5.42	4.12	3.90	6.50*	4.00	3.00	3.75
	Jan. 10, 1959	6.50	6.25	5.75	--	6.00	5.00	5.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts. -								
Good and Choice	Jan. 9, 1960	--	17.00	--	16.05	--	15.50	15.25
	Jan. 10, 1959	--	19.75	--	17.00	18.75	--	17.75

* Shorn basis.